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**COOPER ROAD DRUG TRAFFICKER CONVICTED BY FEDERAL JURY OF
CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE**

Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Operation: "NOVO"

SHREVEPORT, La. – United States Attorney Stephanie A. Finley announced today that JeCarlos Montrae Carter, a.k.a. “Champ” 38, of Dallas, and five co-defendants were convicted by a federal jury of conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms or more of powder cocaine, as well as multiple counts of possession with intent to distribute powder cocaine and unlawful use of a communication facility.

According to court testimony, Carter’s organization has been moving powder and crack cocaine from Dallas to Shreveport for many years. Carter utilized the homes of family members and co-conspirators for his drug distribution.

Six defendants were indicted on March 24, 2011, after a 10-month investigation conducted jointly by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The indictment was the second installment of charges that resulted from Operation “NOVO” conducted by the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task (OCDETF). OCDETF is a joint federal, state and local cooperative

approach to combat drug trafficking, and in this case involved the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, Louisiana State Police, Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office, and Shreveport Police Department.

All the defendants are scheduled for sentencing on November 1, 2011. JeCarlos Carter faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison without release, and up to a \$20,000,000.00 fine.

Also convicted was Auburn Thomas, a.k.a. "Big," 47, of Dallas, Texas, who faces a minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum sentence of life in prison; Ramon Terrell Daniels, a.k.a. "Mon," 29, of Shreveport, La., who faces a minimum sentence of 20 years and a maximum sentence of life in prison; Tenisha Deshea Carter, a.k.a. "Nikki," 22, of Shreveport, La., who faces a minimum sentence of 20 years and a maximum sentence of life in prison; Antonio Demetrious Furlow, a.k.a. "T," 40, of Bossier City, La., who faces a minimum sentence of 20 years and a maximum sentence of life in prison; and Gransihi Deon Mims, 33, of Shreveport, La., who faces a minimum sentence of 20 years and a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Allison D. Bushnell and Counsel to the United States Attorney William J. Flanagan.

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